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(e) whether any inquiry was made as to whether the panchayats are letting out coupes regularly, whether there is scarcity of fuel in the town and whether the price of fuel had risen abnormally high; and

(f) whether the Government will be pleased to call for a report from the Chief Conservator of Forests and the Collector concerned?

A.—(a) The hon. Member has been given all information in the possession of Government in answer to his questions Nos. 2011 and 2035 answered on 27th March 1929.

(b) The Collector and the Chief Conservator were not responsible for the recommendations of the Committee. The Collector was a member of the Committee and the Chief Conservator was consulted on the subject by Government.

(c) No.

(d) *to* (f) There appears to be some scarcity for fuel due to other causes. The Government have already called for a report. A copy of the Collector's report is appended.[a]

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"With reference to the answer to clause (c), was there any definite report by the Land Revenue Commissioner or was it based upon the inspection note?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Yes. There was a report."

Income and expenditure in respect of the reserved forests of South Kanara.

* 187 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to lay on the table the total income and expenditure, giving the main heads if possible, in respect of the reserved forests of South Kanara, in each of the years following the year in which the reserves were first constituted?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the several annual reports contained in the administration reports of the Forest department, where the required figures for the district as a whole will be found. The Government consider that it is not worthwhile to compile the revenue and expenditure figures for each reserve separately as they can be worked out only at the cost of immense labour.

Forest policy of the Government.

* 188 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased—

(a) to lay on the table a copy of the questionnaire issued by Government to the Forest department in regard to the policy of the department; and

(b) to state—

(i) whether Government have received any replies from the department or any report in regard to the forest policy of the Government or in regard to the appointment of a committee of the Council as resolved upon by the Council; and

(ii) whether Government have decided upon the appointment of such a committee; if not, why not?

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 435 infra.